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NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

BETWEEN

JOHN CAMERON, Plaintiff,

AND

THADDEUS HARPER, Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT AN Order has been made in the above entitled action, by the Hon. Sir Matthew B. Begbie, C.J., appointing James C. Prevost and Henry S. Mason to be Recievers of all the Estate and effects of the above named defendant, to take possession of the real estate and recieve and collect the personal estate, and to manage and conduct his business, and to restrain the defendant and all other persons from interfering with them as such Receivers.

JAMES C. PREVOST.
HENRY S. MASON.

Dated, Victoria, Dec. 20 1888. de21

NOTICE OF PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT APplication will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing and operating a line of STREET RAILWAY in the Districts of Esquimalt, Victoria and Lake, connecting with the Street Railway system of the City of Victoria, on the following routes: Victoria to Cadboro and Oak Bays; Victoria to Esquimalt Town; Victoria to the Royal Oak Hotel in Lake District; Victoria to Craigflower Bridge; Victoria to the Gorge, and from thence by the Craigflower Road back to Victoria; and to each other point or points as may be deemed advisable. The said Street Railway line to run along the usual highways to the foregoing points.

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TO THE TIMES ONLY.

Reception of Principal Grant—Canada Capable of Taking Care of Herself.

Christmas in Ottawa—Franking System—Clerks Indignant—Accidents.

[Special to THE TIMES.]

Kingston, Ont. Dec. 26—At the reception of Principal Grant on Saturday, the esteemed chief of Queen's College, in his speech, said that while in Australia he had been asked about the retaliation and purchase of Canada by the United States. He said Canada was all right. She was quite capable of taking care of herself. She was desirous of living at peace with her neighbors, but she would not be carried into any position of which she was not desirous. Of Canada he had always felt proud, but never so proud as when he sniffed the pure air of Vancouver. He was prouder still when he slipped aboard a pullman car on the Canadian Pacific, the best equipped road on the Globe. Kingston people he had met far from home, and he was greeted by one as he slipped from the Pacific steamship upon Canadian soil. He met them at many points between Vancouver and there.

In the curling Bonspeil between the Granite and Thistle curling clubs yesterday, the former won by 46 points. Nine rinks each club played.

Brandon, Dec. 26.—The scaffold upon which the condemned man, Webb, will expiate his crime on Friday has been completed.

ONTARIO NEWS.

Christmas in Ottawa—The Franking Privilege—Accident.

[Special to THE TIMES.]

Ottawa, Dec. 26—Christmas was observed here in the usual way. There was no sleighing. Rain fell during the greater part of the day. There was no publication of city papers.

The civil service clerks are up in arms against Hon. John Haggert, who has this year prevented them from franking large Christmas presents to their friends. Many parcels were detained in the post-office for postage. In one case a clerk sent sixty pounds of barley seed.

Port Arthur, Dec. 25—Mr. Adolphe, of St. Louis, who was aboard an east bound train this afternoon met with a serious accident in jumping from cars, his left shoulder being dislocated and in falling he had his left leg so badly hurt that it had to be amputated about three inches above the ankle.

Christmas day was spent in the usual manner. Tobogganing was the chief sport of the afternoon. Two accidents occurred but neither case was serious.

Crossby and Hunter, evangelists, went east to Toronto last night. A big crowd was at the station to bid them farewell.

BURNED TO THE WATER.

Seven Lives Lost in a Steamboat Disaster Near Seattle.

The steamer Lief Erickson went burned to the water's edge Monday evening off Alki point, five miles west of Seattle. The Ericksen is a propeller, twenty-four tons burden, and plies between Seattle and Sidney, Mason county, and was *en route* to that point when the fire occurred. The fire broke out in the pilot house, and it is believed to have been a lamp explosion. Another theory is that a demijohn in the pilot house was broken and the whisky ran through to the boiler, and ignited. There were thirty-six people aboard at the time. The fire spread instantly throughout the interior of the cabin. The boat was about two miles from shore. Capt. John H. Nibbe, owner of the boat was in command. He left the wheelhouse for the purpose of launching the life raft, but found a passengers trying to put the raft overboard. In a struggle to rescue the raft from the passenger Capt. Nibbe fell overboard with the raft. Meantime the passengers, putting on life-preservers and seizing fire wood or anything else that would float, jamped overboard. Capt. Nibbe saw his niece, Miss Annie Tollner, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Tollner, of Sidney, struggling in the water about 150 feet from him, and did his utmost to push the raft toward her, but she drowned less than 100 feet away from him. He was hampered with gum boots, and was almost helpless. The steamer Skagit Chief, *en route* to Tacoma, saw the fire and crowded on all steam to give assistance. She rescued seven people. The steamer Mountaineer saw the fire, four miles away, and headed straight for the burning steamer. When within half a mile of the Erickson they found people struggling in the water. They lowered a small boat and succeeded in rescuing nineteen persons. One man taken from the water died in a few minutes. His name is not known. He said just before he died that his wife was lost from the steamer. The list of the lost is as follows: Miss Annie Tollner, Sidney; J. H. Noreous, of the Noreous Brick Yard Company, Sidney; Jack Simmons, a half-breed fisherman; T. Smith, of Smith, Taylor & Co., Colby; and the man and wife, whose names were not ascertained. The survivors also report another woman as lost. The steamer burned to the water's edge, and has no doubt sunk. Neither the Skagit Chief nor the Mountaineer went to the burning steamer, as all hands had deserted her and she was enveloped in flames. Both devoted every effort to saving life from the water. The survivors speak in great praise of the work by the offices, crew passengers of the Skagit Chief and Mountaineer. The Ericksen was valued at $4,000 and was not insured. She had a light cargo.

The name of the unknown man who died aboard the rescuing boat proves to be J. R. Branson. He was a carpenter, and resided at the corner of Fourth and Cedar streets, this city. None of the drowned persons were recovered.

It is reported that R. Coombs of Sidney is among the lost. If this proves true, the number of lives lost is eight.

[Special to THE TIMES.]

Seattle, Dec. 26.—The steamer Lief Erickson let this port for Sidney on Monday evening, but when off Alki point she caught fire the breaking of a demijohn of alcohol in the pilot house which ran down through the tiller rope holes to the boiler. About thirty passengers were on board, seven of whom were drowned. The others were rescued by the steamers Mountaineer and the Skagit Chief. When the fire was discovered the alarm was quickly sounded and the passengers were instantly in a panic, and those who were inside the cabin rushed for the deck and joined with those already outside in an endeavor to secure life preservers and in throwing the life raft overboard. The flames had spread with great rapidity, and the forward end of the boat was, in a very short time a mass of flames.

The crew and all the passengers crowded on the harricane deck, and many, seeing how helpless was an endeavor to save the steamer, divested themselves of their clothing and jumped overboard with life-preservers, pieces of wood, and whatever articles of a buoyant nature they could lay hands on. One man seized two bed slats, and another the two loose handles of a wheelbarrow and struck out for shore. Another found comparative safety in the water by taking along with him a mattress which was sufficent to hold up three men. Others clung to the rafts, and still others who stayed with the boat till the last minute, swam about without any artificial support. When Captain Nibbe left his wheel and fell headlong into the Sound, the Leif Ericksen steamed on under a full head of steam and without a helmsman. She soon swung around to starboard, making a complete circle, and then started straight for Blakely. A heavy explosion shortly followed the first outbreak of the fire, supposed to have been caused by a quantity of powder which was on board. The vessel, however, proceeded on her erratic course, and did not stop until her smokestack had fallen and her engine was rendered useless by the fire. She traveled probably five miles after she lost her pilot.

Mr. Abner Kent, a passenger, gave the following account: "I was sitting in the cabin when I heard a cry of 'fire, fire!' and then I tried to get out of the cabin and upon the forward deck, when I saw that the entire forward part of the steamer was ablaze. I started to go aft, but the passengers blocked the door so that I couldn't get out that way. I couldn't do anything else but jump on the seats, and climb down through the roof of the cabin and kicking out a skylight. Here I found two bed-rails and went aft, keeping hold of the bed-rails to use them to keep me from sinking if I should have to jump overboard. I stood on the stern until I couldn't stay there any longer on account of the flames, so I jumped into the water, still hanging on to the bed-rails, and six other passengers went over with me. I could see a stern-wheel steamer coming towards us, so I swam out toward it. I gave to one man who was swimming along without anything to hold on to, one of the rails. When the burning vessel had steamed about 150 yards from us, the fire reached some powder, which was on deck on the starboard side, and a tremendous explosion followed, the vessel being apparently lifted high in the air. It was shortly after this that myself and companion were picked up by the Skagit Chief."

The drowned are Miss Annie Tallner, J. H. Morrow, Jack Simmons, T. Smith and a man and wife, name unknown.

Only one body of all the unfortunate persons who were drowned was recovered. It was brought in on the Mountaineer, and conveyed to Shorey's undertaking establishment. It was the body of the man, whose name engineer Gates supposed was Kendall. A search through his pockets resulted in finding an envelope addressed to "J. R. Branson, corner Fourth and Cedar streets, Seattle, W. T.," and a memorandum book, on which was written, "The book of J. Branson, carpenter, corner Fourth and Seader streets." In his inside pocket was a Lovell's Library volume, entitled "Wrecks Upon the Sea of Life," by Alexander Begg—a singular coincidence with the horrible accident. His silver watch had stopped at 5 o'clock.

DEFENDS HER HUSBAND.

To THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES:

SIR,—Since my coming to London I have read in a Victoria paper of how my husband, Dr. Griffin, had been in the habit of abusing me, and that a short while ago he kicked me in the stomach and otherwise ill-treated me. Now, as I know, you have nothing against the Doctor, and would as willingly do him justice as any other man, and in justice to myself, I ask you to publish this letter. Dr. Griffin was not arrested for ill-treating his wife, or for mistakes made outside of Victoria. Then why our domestic life should be dragged through the columns of the press, is more than I can understand, unless it was done to prejudice the public against the Dr.; and I hereby publicly denounce the originator of that report as a coward and an unmitigated prevaricator, and I call God to witness the truth of this statement, that my husband never struck me, never kicked me, or abused me in the slightest possible manner. He has always been a kind, indulgent husband, and the man who has laid his plans so well, and thrown this sorrow and disgrace upon innocent ones ought to be proud of his work; but the end is not yet, and soon the public of Victoria will see my husband free and real culprit in his place. If you have no pity for the man shut away from home and friends, for a crime he is not guilty of, will you, in justice to me and a little innocent child, publish this letter contradicting the base falsehood that my husband had beaten me. And believe me, yours very gratefully.

MRS. G. HAMILTON GRIFFIN.
252 Talbot St., London, Ont.

Coal Miners Troubles.

Nearly 100 mule-drivers went out on a strike at the Roslyn coal mines, W. T., on Monday, causing them to be shut down. The mule-drivers do not like the new superintendent, by name A. Ronald, who has been placed over them, and also ask for advanced wages to $3 per day. This is a hard blow to the company, as they are badly crowded and away behind on orders, not being able to supply enough coal for their own use. T. W. Worthington, formerly superintendent at the mines in Roslyn, who was accused by the miners of cheating them and was called to St. Paul by the company and cleared himself there, returned to Roslyn on Monday and took charge of mine No. 3 where the colored man are employed, as superintendent. About 7:30 he was standing in the company's store when 4 shots were fired at him through the door and window, but none taking effect.

Grand Clearance Sale of Fancy Holiday Goods.

The remainder of fine bisque figures and statuary, Carl's best ivory; Dresden, India and Egyptian urns and vases; Alabaster and Bohemian glassware; Crown Derby and Royal Vienna goods, etc., will be sold at a discount of 25 per cent. off on regular prices. J. Sehl, 68 Government street.

Arrived!

Bass XXXX Ale (Lamb's Wool) at the Occidental Hotel bar.

Sioux City is going to open her corn palace September 25th. You may think this is a Chicago girl's shoe, but it isn't.—*Washington Critic.*

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

Disastrous Fire at Marblehead, Mass.—Smalley's Cable Letter.

Gladstone in Italy—Chamberlain Declines the Mission to Washington.

Marble Head, Mass, Dec. 26—Last night the fire was under control there. This morning nine acres in the business centre, comprising fully sixty houses, mostly wooden buildings, were burned. Loss between $500,000 and $600,000; partly insured.

Marblehead, Dec. 26—Later estimates place the loss by last night's fire between half a million and six hundred thousand dollars. The old town is a total wreck and the business centre, which included the whole industry of the place is wiped out of existence. It is now known the fire originated by an explosion of naptha in the cellar of Daniel Powers' store which was connected with his residence. A Christmas party was going on there at the time. The explosion shook the whole building and the guests rushed from the house. Powers was sick in bed and was with difficulty removed.

BRITISH RESENTMENT.

New York, Dec. 26—G. W. Smalley's London cable says: "There is but one opinion in Europe that there is not a diplomatists or statesmen who does not regard with amazement the sluggish suppines the American government have thus far shown in the Sackville matter. It has long been clear that Lord Salisbury did not mean there should be another British minister at Washington during Cleveland's administration. He has successfully evaded repeated questions in parliament, but his answer to Lord Dunraven in the house of lords is considered equivalent to a flat refusal to appoint a successor to Lord Sackville. Such refusal is the perfect well known method of expressing diplomatic resentment. It would be followed in any European country by the immediate withdrawal of an ambassador or minister, resulting in a great strain with the power to whom such affront was offered. If the United States do not withdraw their's they will be held to have pocketed Lord Salisbury's provocation to keep Mr. Phelps here as to signify the assent of President Cleveland's administration to an act intended to inflict humiliation on his country."

CHAMBERLAIN DECLINES.

London, Dec. 26—Joseph Chamberlain has declined the mission to Washington.

COTTON STRIKE THREATENED.

A crisis is threatened in the cotton trade at Bolton. Dissatisfaction is felt by masters on account of the bad work in the mills and a small strike of operatives ensued. They say they will declare a general lockout if this state of things continues. The operatives have ample funds and are confident they can make a long resistance to a prolonged struggle.

NOTED SPECULATOR DEAD.

Paris, Dec. 26—News has been received here of the death at Switzerland of M. Ree, the bourse speculator, who recently failed and fled from Rome.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Belgrade, Dec. 26—King Milan has consented to an amendment of the constitution as demanded by the radicals, viz: the abolition of the death penalty for political offences except an attempt on life, cessation of arbitrary arrest without a legal warrant and ratification of the commercial treaties by the assembly.

THE POPE AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

Rome, Dec. 27.—The Pope's speech to the Sacred college on Christmas eve has renewed the quarrel between the Vatican and the Italian government. the Liberals are highly indignated at the Pope's denunciation of the chambers, and declare the speech was one of the bitterest that has been uttered from the papal chair for years, and that the purpose is to array all the Christian world against Italy and urge that the only resources for the government parliament to pursue is to meet this attack upon independency with measures of increased stringency against the clergy.

GEN. MELIKOFF DEAD.

Nice, Dec. 26—General Louis Melikoff, one of the oldest officers in the Russian service, is dead.

WANTS IT SETTLED.

London, Dec. 26—The *Times* urges a speedy settlement of the Newfoundland fisheries dispute between France and England.

WILL LEAVE SUAKIM.

London, Dec. 26—The Scotch borderers will leave Suakim to-morrow and the second Egyptian batallion will soon follow. The plan of advancing on Handoub has been abandoned and General Grenfell is confident Osman Digma will not return to the attack of Suakim. Egyptian stations on the Nile are to be strengthened.

THE PERUVIAN MINISTRY RESIGNED.

Washington Dec. 26—Dispatches from Peru state that the Peruvian Congress has rejected the contract between that government and a foreign syndicate by an overwhelming vote without debate. The ministry has resigned and President Cairces is left helpless. It is known that Chili has again been exercising her policy of intimidation and accomplished her purpose to prevent every compromise suggested for the settlement of the Peruvian debt, with the expectation and hope that the bondholders will ultimately become discouraged and dispose of their claims to Chili, when the latter government will walk in and take possession of the treasury and custom house of Lima and secure the passage of an annexation act by Congress.

TRAIN WRECKED.

Denver, Col, Dec. 26—An east bound freight train on the Colorado Midland railway was wrecked at Lime Creek. Brakeman Harland and fireman Martins were killed.

INAUGURATION PLANS.

Washington, Dec. 24—Quarters have been engaged at the Arlington Hotel for General Harrison and party for the inauguration ceremonies next March. There will be in the party General Harrison and wife, Russell Harrison and wife, J. R. McKee, wife and two children, ex-Senator Saunders, of Nebraska, and wife, the parents of Mrs. Russell Harrison and E. W. Halford, private secretary, wife and daughter. On the morning of inauguration they will go to Willard's hotel, on Pennsylvania avenue, and occupy a parlor on the second floor, where they will view the procession as it forms. In accordance with a precedent established by Andrew Jackson, and observed by every president but two since then, President Cleveland will call for President-elect Harrison at Willard's and escort him to the capitol.

PANAMA CANAL SHARES RISE.

Paris Dec. 26—There has been a reaction in favor of the Panama canal shares and bonds this week. Under the influence of Count De Lesseps a successful appeal has been made to holders to forego their interest until the canal is finished and holders by thousands are sending their consent to the proposition and there is reason to hope a suspension of the work at Panama will be averted.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

San Francisco, Dec. 26—Wheat weak. Buyer season, $1 47 5-8; buyer, 1888, $1.41; buyer, 1879, $1.51 1-6; seller, 1889, $1.36.

Chicago, Dec. 26—Wheat declined from the opening to-day and closed five cents lower; Dec., 97 3-8; Jan., 97 3-4; May, $1.03.

New York, Dec. 26—At noon wheat had fallen two and one-half cents; January, $1.00 1-2; May $1.06.

AN EX-JUDGE SUICIDES.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 26—Ex-Judge Robert A. Johnston suicided at his home in Avondale this morning by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. He was one of the most prominent democratic politicians in Southern Ohio. Depression on account of the death of his wife is supposed to have been the cause.

GRANTED HIS PARDON.

Washington, Dec. 26—The President to-day granted pardon to Bishop A. A. Kimball, convicted in Utah of polygamy and sentenced to eight months imprisonment. The President's action is based upon representations that the prisoner is in an advanced stage of consumption and would not survive in his present surroundings.

DYNAMITERS IN SPAIN.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—A bomb exploded last evening in front of the Conservative members and chamber of deputies. The perpetrators of the outrage are unknown.

KEROSENE EXPLOSION.

Chicago, Dec. 26—An explosion of kerosene in Mary Supe's grocery store early this morning fired the building. Two men were fatally burned.

JOHN BRIGHT IMPROVING.

London, Dec. 26—John Bright rallied somewhat to-day.

ANOTHER FAILURE.

New York, Dec. 26—The failure of Douglas Henry was announced on the stock exchange to-day. He has no outstanding contracts.

WRECKED SHIPS' CREWS.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Advices from Honolulu report the arrival there of the British man-of-war Hyacinth, from Taybiti. The Hyacinth called at Malden island and recieved two shipwrecked crews of 24 men. They include the master, two mates, and 13 men of the German ship Hermann and eight of the crew of the Swedish bark Virgo, both vessels having been wrecked on the island November 27. The vessels were anchored off shore when a heavy storm came up and swept them upon the breakers. The men attempted to escape in boats, but a boat with the captain, mate, carpenter, cook and two seamen of the Virgo that capsized and all six drowned. All of the Hermann's crew escaped.

GLADSTONE IN ITALY.

Naples, Dec. 24—Mr. Gladstone arrived here Saturday night. The station was crowded with members of the municipal council and other officials. On the arrival of the train there was great cheering, and a student, on behalf of his comrades, presented an address to Mr. Gladstone in which the latter was referred to as a friend of Italy and the writer of the celebrated letters that contributed to the redemption of Italy. At the conclusion of the address there were shouts of "Long live Gladstone, Ireland and England." Gladstone made a graceful reply. Sunday morning Gladstone attended church. He appeared to be in excellent health. All the newspapers join in giving him a cordial welcome.

GRAND TRUNK AND C. P. R.

London, Dec. 24—The recent memorial in favor of a friendly agreement between the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk railways signed by 552 *bona fide* holders of Canadian Pacific securities and by 100 Grand Trunk stock holders, representing £12,500,000 sterling. A committee has written to the directors of both companies. The letter urges the Canadian Pacific Company to strive to come to an understanding with the Grand Trunk Company even by yielding some important matters. The letter to the Grand Trunk Company warns the directors that the recent Grand Trunk Company's circular displayed a bitter hostility and that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was really convinced that it was an attempt to get rid of a disagreeable subject by mere paper assurance of a desire to work harmoniously.

THE POPE'S ADDRESS.

Rome, Dec. 24—The speech of the Pope before the Sacred College referred exclusively to the Vatican and Italy. His Holiness said the whole world could see in what a painful situation he was placed. One could only ask, How far will it go? At the present time a systematic war was being waged. Even the person of the Pope was exposed to threats of a mob. The enemies of the Holy See had weapons enough already to injure the papacy, and if these did not suffice they were prepared to manufacture fresh weapons. It was persistently asserted that the Pope was an enemy of Italy, and this assertion was simply made to mask the real object of the perfidious attack against the church, and that object was to render the Italians hostile to the papacy. To vindicate the right of the pontiff was in reality to advance the prosperity of Italy. To demand that the greatest moral power in the world should possess real sovereignty in Italy, where Providence placed the church centuries ago, was not an act of hostility to the country. The facts that bishops in foreign lands were laboring for the restoration of the Pope's temporal rights, proved that the interests of the whole Catholic Church were bound up in the cause.

The Pope has given $2400 to the Rome poor, and $500 to poor priests as Christmas gifts.

MRS. LANGTRY'S IDEA.

New York, Dec. 24—Manager Joseph Reynolds of the Fifth Avenue Theater announced to-day that it had been decided to have the ushers and doortenders of the theater dressed as Highlanders, with a full complement of kilts and claymores, upon the occasion of Mrs. Langtry's debut on January 7th as Lady Macbeth. The departure originated with Mrs. Langtry. The order to wear kilts staggered the ushers and one of them threatened to resign rather than go here legged.

Passengers Arriving.

Per steamer Olympian from Puget Sound on Tuesday:—Mike Mutsis, M Mezio, D H James Jno Andrews, A Homes, G Blanton, W G Campbell, T A Cokham, D Lewis, D Long, Mrs Armstrong, C E Tuttle, F L Yonay, J Steinor, F Alsart, Jno Powers, S G Lee, Joe Patherick, A Prowner, W A Thompson, T P West, S Gregg, G Maden, H G Green, F H Day and wife, J Sherwood, W H Whitney, D Judd, P Hagan, J T Sullivan, A Stewart, C Garter, F E Aldrick, T H Kandan, P Spo, H Barness, Mrs Marks, D W Simpson and wife, E Metcalf, Frank Dobbs.

—Per stmr Yosemite, from New Westminster—Mr and Mrs Le Brashe, M Turnbull, J Rogers, T Harvey, Parmeter, Fovy, Kwong on Chung and 18 others.

Consignees.

Per steamer Olympian from Puget Sound on Tuesday:—Turner R & Co, Marvin & T, John Wilson, M W Waitt, Hudson Bay Co, B Starford.

Per stmr Yosemite from New Westminster—B Porter, J B Thornton, Bos owitz, W Heathorn, S J Pitts, H Saunders, D Spencer, Belmont T Co, W W & Co.

The Daily Times.

PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Victoria, Wednesday, December 26th

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

For the convenience of subscribers the carriers of THE TIMES in the outskirts of the city have each been supplied with a whistle with instructions to blow it as each paper is thrown to the doors. In this way, subscribers will be aware the moment the papers arrive which it is believed will be a convenience at least during the dark winter evenings. There have been several complaints about the paper being stolen from the doors of subscribers and the use of the whistles, it is hoped, will render this more or less impossible.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Christmas was probably never better enjoyed by people in general than it was in Victoria yesterday. To most people it was indeed "a merry Christmas." They were at peace with the rest of the world, plenty blessed the land and every man could pride himself upon a well-filled larder. The weather was simply delightful, or as our citizens won't to declare, "it could not be beaten in any part of the world." The air was redolent with the oder of spruce mixed with the perfume of roses. On Beacon Hill the youth of the city engaged in summer pastimes and the number of spectators who carefully watched a game of baseball through, could not have been less than two or three hundred. Others found attraction in football or roaming over the park or along the beach. Carriages were driving through the park during the whole day. It was indeed beautiful autumn weather, with the temper of spring and summer in the winds. Christmas is essentially a family day and was spent as such by the greater part of our citizens, the men staying at home and entertaining the little ones—taking them for a visit to the old folks. In many cases the grandpas and grandmas of Victoria gathered their children and grand children around them and all made merry together.

In the morning, services were held in the Methodist and all the Episcopal churches these, as already described in these columns, being choicely decorated for the occasion. In St. Andrew's pro-cathedral Christmas was ushered in with clebration of solemn high mass, Rev. Father MANDART, clebrant. Rev. Father LATERME preached an appropriate sermon. The singing, which to many was the most interesting and a very beautiful part of the service was led by Mr. E. A. MCQUADE. The congregation as usual at these services filled the sacred edifice.

The services in the other churches led by their respective clergymen took place yesterday morning. A goodly number were in attendance at each church. In the hospitals and orphanages Christmas brought its abundance of good things, its glad tidings and great joy just like it did elsewhere.

Through the kindness of some of the good ladies and gentlemen of Victoria the little fatherless ones of the Protestant Orphans' Home enjoyed themselves as children are wont. They had a large Christmas tree with enough presents on it for all of them. At St. Joseph's Hospital and St. Ann's convent appropriate decorations were made for the occasions, the usual materials, evergreens, holly and berries being used.

"PERPETUAL" RAIN.

The Vancouver World, which is fast gaining a local celebrity for unnecessarily strong phraseology on the most trivial subjects, takes the Rev. P. McF. McLEOD in hand because that gentleman, speaking at a school meeting, contrasted the weather of Vancouver with the "Italian skies" of Victoria. Our contemporary used expressive language and actually worked himself into a passion when he thought of the enormity of Mr. McLEOD's offence. Really, now, friend World, have you not been making a mountain out of a molehill. Were a few humorous remarks at a school examination on the ever opportune subject of the weather worthy of a leader in the World? Or, assuming that they called for a denial, was the World's contradiction in the right vein, or couched in a proper spirit? Every person who has read the meteorological reports is aware that there is a vast difference in the rainfall, and in the winter and summer temperatures, of the Westminster and Victoria districts. By these tables, it can be established that the rain-fall near Vancouver—we will not say in—is one hundred per cent greater than in Victoria. In the terminal city the winter rains descend alike upon the just and the unjust, and, unlike the editor of the World, is no respecter of persons. However, that is no reason for our contemporary getting mad and making himself ridiculous over a trifle.

THE LIQUOR TRADE.

The Ottawa hotel keepers association have adopted a resolution binding the members to refrain from selling liquor during prohibited hours to any person. If a member violates the agreement he will be subject to prosecution by the association, and besides the penalty imposed under the license law, upon conviction he will be placed in the black books of the association, and he may, possibly, if his offence be repeated, forfeit his membership. The Ontario license law prohibits the sale of liquor between six o'clock on Saturday night and Monday morning, and also after a stated hour on other nights of the week. But the law has been universally violated. It would be difficult to find a saloon in the whole of Ontario where liquor could not be obtained during the prohibited hours, and in most of them a few years ago, the only pretence at compliance with the law was in closing the front entrance, and the exclusion of customers who could not be depended upon to keep their own counsel. It has always been a matter for surprise that among a class of men who were otherwise law-abiding citizens so few were willing to conform to the law regulating the liquor traffic. With such a state of public opinion partial prohibition must always fall short of the object in view and possibly, the secret drinking under such a lax enforcement of the law is greater and more injurious than the open drinking under the Victoria system, where saloons are open at all hours of the day and night. But it is a sign of an advancing public opinion in Ontario when the dealers pledge themselves to recognize the law and assist in its enforcement. If the saloons are closed by law at certain times, they ought to be closed in fact, back doors and all. The Ottawa saloon men, in conforming to the law, will secure the moral support of the temperance people, and thus remove much of the opposition they encounter from that source. In the selling of liquor, as in other lines of trade, a conciliatory policy is the best, and when the trade can, by giving up a few points, obtain a stronger and more tenable position, it would be suicidal were it to refuse to do so.

THE BRITISH CROPS.

Considering the extremely wet season of the past year, the agricultural returns in the British Islands are much more favorable than was expected. There was an increase of 70,000 acres under cultivation over the former year, and nearly 250,000 more under wheat, the latter being attributed to recent failures in the root crops. That this should be done in a year peculiarly unfavorable to wheat growing, and much more favorable to roots, shows with what fickle circumstances the British farmer has to deal. The yield on wheat lands has been much below the average, but there is one item of compensation in the abundant yield of straw, which is fetching good prices. A slightly increased acreage has been devoted to barley. Hop growing appears to be a declining industry, as it is now only rarely that the British beer-drinker swallows a hop in his foaming pint.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Christmas card is going out of vogue. Its own elaborateness worked its downfall. So long as it was a pleasant message of good-will it was a pleasure to send or receive. When it became upholstered it began to look like a piece of bed-room furniture.

A San Francisco dispatch of the 2nd inst., says coal has been further marked down in price in that city. It remains firm at $10 per ton in Victoria. The Colonist claimed the reduction in San Francisco as due to Dunsmuir & Son's "voluntary act." Is the retention at $10 in Victoria due to the same cause?

A Providence, R. I., young woman taught a Sabbath school class in which was a young Chinaman, with whom she fell in love and married. For this she was expelled from the City Missionary Society. We are not called on to admire the young lady's taste, but the spirit shown by the Missionary Society is not to be commended.

At a meeting of the Imperial federationists in Toronto, last week, Dalton McCarthy, M. P., said that the interests of Canada and Britain are one, and that in the interest of trade we need federation. He did not believe in independence, and said: "Fancy our independence, with a population of five million and our aggressive neighbors. What chance would our codfish have? Our only hope is to stay by England. Still, we don't propose to part with one iota of our liberty as Canadians." The speaker said he disliked being regarded as a mere colonist when he goes to London, and he wanted to be on equal terms with the real Britisher. He favors the idea of a great senate in London.

The Canadian News says that Alex. Begg, the Crofter scheme advocate, had a conference with Lord Lothian, the Secretary for Scotland, last week, and laid before him the alternative proposals of the British Columbia Government. They are as follows:

(1) That the loan should be made to the Province for a certain number of years free of interest, or

(2) That the loan should bear compound interest at the termination of its repayment, and that at least five years' interest should be deferred in order to give the British Columbia Government and the settlers a full opportunity of squaring accounts.

Mr. Begg is more than ever convinced of the advantages of his proposal both to the mother country and to British Columbia; and if as competent authorities state the distress in the Highlands is again likely to become acute during the coming winter, the Imperial Government may be led to fall in with this British Columbia proposal in some form or other, and so initiate a movement which in time may assume important dimensions.

There is now running between the various ports of Europe and the United States about 125 of the largest class of iron steamships, all foreign. Three-fourths of these steamships ply between Liverpool and New York, and then there are the French line from Havre, and the German lines from Hamburg and Bremen. The average cost of these vessels is about $800,000 each; several of them have cost from $1,000,000 to $1,500,000. The capital invested in these 125 steamships, at $800,000 each, would therefore amount to $100,000,000. Some thing like 150 officers and men in all departments are employed on each vessel, so that an army of about 18,750 men find direct support on them, and probably twenty times that number indirectly. Again, allowing that two thirds of them are at sea constantly, it is safe to say that they consume 8,000 tons of coal per day, or about 250,000 tons per month. Even at that low rate the cost to the combined lines daily for every steamship while running, including the "greyhounds," is not far from $400 a day each, $40,000 a day in all, or, at the lowest calculation, $1,000,000 a month, allowing that two-thirds of them are at sea.

The Nova Scotia Government prepared a test case on the license act for submission to the supreme court of that province, which the court refused to consider. This action by the judges may provoke a struggle between the legislature and the court, and the former, it is believed, will undertake to show the bench that the law-making power is supreme. The Halifax Chronicle, which is edited by a member of the government, says: "We have been under the delusion that the legislature had very ample power over the Supreme court, and we think it will not be very difficult to demonstrate to those of the learned judges who have ventured, at their own instance and without having the point raised, to call in question this power, that the legislature has decidedly the controlling power in this regard. We think it can even convince some of their Lordships that it can require them to hear and determine a constitutional case arising in connection with provincial legislation. We shall be greatly surprised if the case rests here. If we understand the situation the present legislature of Nova Scotia knows how to maintain its power and rights and has an executive that will not be slow to carry out its behests."

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THE UNDERSIGNED RETURNS THANKS to the friends of his father, the late Geo. Taylor, for their kindness during his illness and also after his death. The members of the Masonic Order, especially, will please accept thanks for their brotherly kindness.

de24 1t SAMUEL TAYLOR.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT APplication will be made to the Legislature of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for a Private Bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping and maintaining a Railway from a convenient point on the eastern boundary of the Province to the northern terminus of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway on Vancouver Island via Yellowstone Pass, Cariboo and Bute Inlet, with power to construct and maintain branch lines, to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines to build and operate steam and other vessels, and generally to do all things conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above purposes or any of them; and for a grant of land in aid of the proposed enterprise.

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FOR COUNCILLOR.

To the Electors of Johnson Street Ward:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—Having been solicited by a large number of electors to become a candidate for the position of councillor in Johnson street Ward, I have consented, and respectfully ask your votes and influence. You are already familiar with my record in the Council of 1886, and also as a business man. If elected I will, as in the past, act according to the best of my judgment to advance the interests of Victoria.

de17 M. HUMBER.

THE MAYORALTY.

To Robert Ward, Esq., Victoria B. C.:

SIR,—We, the undersigned ratepayers of Victoria, beg to request that you will allow your name to be placed in nomination for the position of Mayor of the city of Victoria for the ensuing year. The zeal you showed in a former council, in which you served for the interests of the city, and the ability you have displayed in the prominent position you now occupy as President of the Board of Trade, besides your own large interests in the city, lead us to hope that you will be disposed to take a leading part in the several important matters which will, we trust, be undertaken by the incoming council.

Should you accede to this request, we shall give you our hearty support.

Victoria, B. C., 11 December, 1888.

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To the Ratepayers whose signatures are attached to the above:

GENTLEMEN,—Replying to the above requisition, I have to thank you for the proffered honor of your support and influence to secure my election, as Mayor for the ensuing year.

I fully realize the important functions devolving on that office, and if I can be of service in helping forward the good government of the city, I accept your nomination. Should it be the pleasure of the ratepayers to elect me, I can assure them that my best efforts shall be devoted to guarding their interests and in promoting generally the advancement of the city.

I shall doubtless be afforded an opportunity prior to the date of election, of publicly expressing my views on the various urgent matters which demand the attention of the incoming Council.

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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Chequered Career of Maurice Blake—Kills a Soldier—Imprisonment for Life.

Nearly Sixteen Years in a Dungeon—A Terror to Guards, etc.—Pardoned.

From our own Correspondent.]

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—"Hello, Maurice." —The words were uttered to a man about 45 years of age of ordinary stature, dressed in a check suit with a fur cap covering his head, wearing a moustache and beginning to cultivate a chin whisker, all of which gave him a somewhat seedy looking appearance. The place was the rotunda of the Russell House, Ottawa, and the stranger, who nervously paced backwards and forwards uneasily in his demeanor, like a prairie bird in a cage, has a history worthy of repetition. Maurice Blake, for such was his name, stopped quickly, his whole frame trembling from nervousness, and cast a vacant glance at the party who addressed him. Blake failed to recognize his friend, but a little more than two years ago both men were in the 16th English regiment then stationed in Montreal. They had not met since that time.

A HISTORY STRANGER THAN FICTION.

Maurice Blake was a private in the regiment I have already mentioned. A native of Ireland, with a strong Tipperary accent, unacquainted with the ways of the world. Generally speaking, he could not endure the jibes and teasing propensities of some of his fellow soldiers. This made a few of them all the more annoying to him. One day he committed a depredation for which he was ordered to be arrested and placed in the guardroom. A corporal and two soldiers were ordered to have him arrested. Blake would not permit the arrest, and shot the corporal dead, and wounded the other two soldiers with his bayonet. On being captured and charged with murder he did not deny the crime, but said that he could not be convicted seeing he did not kill the man he intended. There was some difficulty in trying the case, the civil authorities at first refusing to do so as the offence was committed in the barracks, which was under military law. At any rate Maurice Blake was tried in 1868 in Montreal. The judge charged strongly against the prisoner, asking the jury to give a verdict for murder. Between the time of the offence and the trial some little sympathy sprang up for the prisoner, especially among his own countrymen. The jury were only absent for a few minutes when they returned and announced to the judge that they had agreed. "What is your verdict?" he asked. "Guilty of murder with no intent to kill," replied the foreman. "That is no verdict," retorted the judge. "You must retire and consult again." They did so and returned a verdict of "guilty of manslaughter." Maurice Blake was sentenced to imprisonment for life, having escaped the gallows by a very small thread. The hot Celtic blood of the prisoner, which brought him into committing the crime, was more aroused than ever at the idea of having to languish behind prison bars for the rest of his life and the result was that his behavior in the various penitentiaries where he was confined was something terrible. To wardens and guards he was alike a terror and the books of the different institutions in which he was incarcerated—excepting one—describe him as a desperate wretch.

IN THE DUNGEON.

For a great part of the time since he [illegible] penitentiary. His offences were so numerous and of such an aggravating character that he was seldom out of the dungeon. No sooner was he liberated than he made another violent attack on some one for which he was again locked up. One of his first offences was unmercifully beating a fellow convict and belaboring him on the head with a hammer. At another time he threw a convict in a stone pile and injured him severely. He assaulted a guard and beat him brutally. The deputy warden was a victim to his wrath, and he stabbed the warden with a fork. For this he was placed in solitary confinement. His long confinement seemed to tell strongly on him, and little or no vitality was left in his body. Still he was in no way subdued and maintained that he would murder his father if he took the notion. When Wright, Rapsom and Shiolle was arranging for their escape from the penitentiary in 1887, Blake, who was in the dungeon, appealed to them to take him along with them. They broke the lock of his cell and did so afterwards, overpowering and locking up the guards until they made their escape. It was the winter season. Blake, weak from his confinement and suffering from cold, gave completely out. All left him but Wright, to die on the ice. The latter took him on his back and bravely struggled with his burden until they reached American territory. Their stay was but of short duration; those in pursuit having soon discovered them and brought them back to prison. This was the only light of day that Blake had seen for years. What corporal punishment and other inflictions the prisoner endured during his imprisonment I do not want to torture Times' readers ears by narrating. At all events he was returned to the dungeon, and preferred to meet a speedy death rather than to be thus left in darkened solitude to brood over a life which had passed through nothing but misery since the time he left his father's peaceful home in that little isle over the sea.

A TURN IN THE TIDE.

But for what happened hereafter Maurice Blake would have been left in this position to repine and die. Better to him by far if that jury had given a verdict for murder and that he was permitted to hear the officiating clergyman's words ringing into his ears the certainty of his speedy transmission to another world. In the same regiment as Blake was enlisted was Mr. S. L. Bedson, then Sergeant Bedson, and now warden of the Stony Mountain penitentiary, Manitoba. In 1884, or thereabouts, Mr. Bedson, was in the east visiting one of the penitentiaries on official business. On his way back to Manitoba he dropped in to the Kingston penitentiary with no other ulterior object than to have a look at the institution. His brother warden accompanied him through the different rooms and cells, pointing out to him the notorious desperado, as he was called, Maurice Blake. Although but the skeleton of what he was sixteen years ago, Mr. Bedson recognized the prisoner. The compassion of the old sergeant turned towards the unfortunate soldier of his old regiment, whom he now saw caged as a wild beast and treated with little less humanity. It is not necessary for me to say what steps Mr. Bedson took to accomplish his purpose, but his journey to the west was delayed and along with him sometime afterwards went Maurice Blake. In short he got his removal from Kingston to Stoney Mountain penitentiary. His good behavior in the west was as marked as his bad conduct was in the east. Latterly he was employed as a messenger and could be trusted anywhere. The contrast from the black dungeon of the Kingston penitentiary to the liberty of walking on the broad and breezy prairies of the west can easily be imagined. That Maurice enjoyed the change goes without saying it.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

The contrast from Kingston to Stoney Mountain was great, but the change from the latter place to Ottawa's leading hotel was so sudden and so entirely strange to Maurice Blake that he was like a fish out of water. For the first time in twenty years, two or three days ago he cast aside his penitentiary garb and wore a dress which he could call his own. The progress and advancement which Canada had made during twenty years were viewed by him in a day, as it were. Sixteen years, most of which in a dungeon, and four years between the penitentiary building and the prairie, is a long gap in a man's life time. Can it be wondered at that Maurice Blake stopped nervously and looked amazed at hearing his name uttered in a friendly way in his new and altered position. And no one will be surprised that the released and pardoned prisoner, for such reward, shed tears when his friend told him his name. They were not only soldiers but friends together until the unfortunate affair occurred which separated them. On the register book at the Russell before the name of Blake was S. L. Bedson. The warden, who was no doubt instrumental in getting the prisoner pardoned by the executive, took upon himself the duty of seeing him safely landed with his brother in Tipperary, who has agreed to take charge of him for the remainder of his life. So carefully did Mr. Bedson make all the arrangements to convey the pardoned man out of the country quietly that he would certainly have managed it had it not been for the incident I have mentioned in the first of my letter. Maurice Blake, who calls Mr. Bedson the general, is almost a baby in his ways, and could not trust himself a way from his hotel for fear of getting lost. He called on Sir John Thompson, minister of justice, and thanked him for his release, prior to leaving for Halifax, from where he sails to his old home in Ireland. Mr. Bedson, after leaving his charge there, will visit the continental prisons, etc., with a view of benefitting from what he sees.

SLABTOWN.

HIS FIRST PRAYER.

Ex-Attorney-General Williams Converted by Evangelist Moody.

When Evangelist Moody finished his discourse at the Tabernacle in Portland, a few nights ago, ex-United States Attorney-General George H. Williams, whom President Grant nominated for chief justice of the United States supreme court, and who is now named as a possible member of President Harrison's cabinet, took the platform. After saying that for several months he has been much troubled on the subject of Christianity, and that he looked forward to the Moody meetings with hope, he spoke of his attendance at the services, his interest in them and Mr. Moody's visit to his home.

Of this visit he said: "Then I joined with him in prayer, the first time I ever bowed my knee to God or man in my life. I feel now perfectly satisfied. My pride has been conquered, and I feel that I could run or fly into the arms of Jesus Christ."

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A novel and ingenious plan to enable a person to identify himself under all circumstances, as when cashing a check or money order or obtaining registered letters or mail matter, has recently been invented. It is in the form of an "identification card," which is inclosed in a morocco case, so that it can be carried around by the owner conveniently. The card contains in one corner a miniature photograph of the owner, which is [illegible] issued, with his signature below. Beneath this is the attestation of a notary public to the genuineness of the photograph and signature. On another division of the card is registered the name, occupation, place of birth, age and citizenship of the possessor, together with an accurate description of him and his place of residence. Room is also left in another column for signatures and addresses of any references that the bearer may have.

A similar but less perfect system of identification card has been in use for some time in Europe, and it is required by law in some places. Banks and trust companies in this country which have heard of the system say that it is just the thing they have wanted for a long time and declare that it will do away completely with many of the inconveniences and delays which are now experienced in the daily course of business in identifying persons who present checks and orders for payment and cannot properly identify themselves.

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Three-fourths of our people are troubled with dyspepsia or liver complaint in some form or other, which by nature of the disease has a depressing influence on the mind or body, preventing them from thinking or acting clearly in any matter of importance. Indigestion, coming up of food after eating, dyspepsia, sick headache, acidity of the stomach or any derangement of the stomach or liver (upon which the whole action of our system depend) are speedily and effectually overcome by the use of Green's August Flower. The most stubborn cases have yielded to its influence, as thousands of letters received will testify. The immense sale of this medicine is another guarantee of its merits, (over a million and a half bottles sold last year.) So we ask, will it pay you to suffer from any of the above diseases when you can have immediate relief in the August Flower. Three doses will prove its worth. It is sold by all druggists and general dealers in all parts of the world.

The Coming Eclipse.

New Year's day will be marked by a somewhat unusual occurence—an eclipse of the sun. The eclipse begins at 1h. 4 min. p. m., at a point in the Pacific ocean about 3500 miles west of San Diego, Cal., that is, the penumbra first touches the surface of the earth at this point.

The shadow of the moon first touches the surface of the earth at 2h. 20 min. at another point in the Pacific ocean, about 2500 miles west of Vancouver Island, and here the total eclipse begins.

The path of the total eclipse is about sixty miles wide, and meets the western coast of the United States a few miles north from San Francisco, at 2h. 20 min. p. m.

From this point the path of the total eclipse runs through the country in a nearly northeasterly direction, and terminates in Canada near the eastern border of Lake Winnipeg, at 4h. 10min. p. m.

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—Ladies water proof gossamers $1 each, at the Argyle House, 83 Douglas street. Store open until 9 p.m. Dec. 18-1w

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—If you want good and useful articles for Christmas presents call on John Weiler, Fort street, where you will find the largest stock ever exhibited in Victoria.

—Woman is usually spoken of as the weaker vessel, but she doesn't get broken up or go to pieces nearly as quick as man.

—Thos. Sabin, Eglington, says: "I have removed ten corns from my feet with Holloway's Corn Cure." Reader, go thou and do likewise.

—Some men are getting on well in life while others are getting well on in life—there's a big difference between the two.

—Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator has no equal for destroying worms in children and adults. See that you get the genuine when purchasing.

—One of the promised sensations of the Paris Exhibition will be given by a man who will make daily balloon ascensions mounted on a horse.

—A toilet luxury in every respect, Ayer's Hair Vigor never fails to restore the youthful freshness and color to faded and gray hair. It also eradicates dandruff and prevents the hair from falling.

—It makes a very stout man feel his stoutness more than ever to yield his seat in a street car to a lady, and then have three of them plump into it and have plenty of room.

—Physicians Prescribe Ayer's Sarsaparilla in case of scrofula, and in every form of chronic disease, because this medicine is safer to take, and is more highly concentrated than any other preparation. It can always be depended upon as an effective blood purifier.

—Last year the United States imports from Japan, including raw silk, teas, fans, handkerchiefs, bamboo, and the like, amounted to nearly $10,000,000. More than was bought by any other nation.

—Those of the gentler sex who have experienced the pain and annoyance caused by excoriated nipples and inflamed breasts, can well appreciate the value of a remedy which removes the trouble. This is precisely what Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil does, besides curing, when used internally, asthma, croup and other maladies.

—Herrmann, the magician, says nineteen men out of twenty, if asked to select a number under ten will choose seven. "There is no explanation of it," he adds. "It is the habit of the human mind, nothing more."

—Thomas Robinson, Farnham Centre, P. Q., writes:—"I have been afflicted with rheumatism for the last ten years, and have tried many remedies without any relief. I got a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, and found it gave me instant relief, and since then I have had no attack. I would recommend it to all."

—Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery has worked wonders for dyspeptics, and we don't think there is a case of dyspepsia to be found that it will not cure if the directions are followed. Mr. C. E. Williams, druggist, Wingham, says: "The Vegetable Discovery is selling well, and I know of one bad case of Dyspepsia that it has completely cured."

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Four valuable prizes, consisting of two Gold Watches, one Silver Tea Set and Tray and one Diamond Ring will be given away. For every $5 in cash invested in a purchase in our store from this date to the 1st January, 1889, the purchaser will be entitled to one chance in the above guessing match. We have made the mistake in overstocking ourselves this season in every branch in the jewelry line, fine goods particularly, and have chosen this method to turn them into cash regardless of profits, giving our customers the above advantage in return. Notice of the distribution of the above prizes will be given.

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S. DUCK,
Assessor and Collector,
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 3 Dec., 1888. de11

NOTICE.

Estate of Thomas John Williams, late of Cowichan, deceased.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE above estate are required to pay the amounts due forthwith, and all persons having claims are requested to send the same to

THORNTON FELL,
Solicitor to the Administratrix.
Victoria, 26th November 1888. no27-1m

NOTICE.

CENTRAL COAL YARD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE coal business carried on at this yard has been discontinued from this date.

Victoria B. C., 19th October 1888.

NOTICE.

Estate of Thomas Tuge, deceased.

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THORNTON FELL,
Solicitor for the Executors.
Victoria, 4th October, 1888. oct5tf

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All persons indebted to the undersigned will please settle before Oct. 10th.

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Vancouver to Victoria,
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Sunday at 7 o'clock.
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Ar Seattle	10.00 p.m.	Ar Pt. Townsend	2.30 p.m.
Lv Seattle	1.30 a.m.	Lv Pt. Townsend	3.00 p.m.
Ar Pt. Townsend	5.30 a.m.	Ar Seattle	6.30 p.m.
Lv Pt. Townsend	6.00 a.m.	Lv Seattle	9.45 p.m.
Ar Victoria	9.30 a.m.	Ar Tacoma	a 2.15 p.m.

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Ar Seattle, 10.30 a.m., 5.30, 10.00 p.m.	Ar Tacoma, b4.00 a.m., 9.00, 8.15 p.m.

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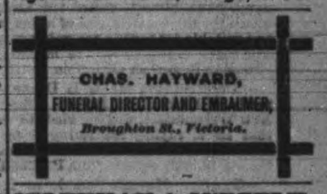

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Victoria, Wednesday, December 26th

CITY AND PROVINCE.

—Two weddings will take place this week.

—The Sheriff will sell Brown the hatter's stock to-morrow morning.

—Steamer Potter will go into the Esquimalt dry dock on Sunday.

—Victorians are in ecstacies over their Christmas weather, and no wonder.

—The last regular meeting of the City Council during the year 1888 will be held this evening.

—The Victoria Athletic Club will meet to-night to decide on the date of holding their annual banquet.

—Steamer Cariboo Fly has been laid up for the winter and will remain in the harbor until next March.

—The minstrel troupe of H. M. S. Espiegle will give an entertainment this evening on board the man-of-war.

—Argument in Dr. Griffin's application for a new trial will be heard in the Supreme court on the 10th January.

—The Choral Society will not meet this evening. The next practice will take place on Wednesday, January 2nd.

—At 9 o'clock on Christmas morning prayer service was held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Mr. A. Barneley conducted the service.

—There was good skating at Skinner's bottom yesterday. A large number contemplate going out this evening for a few hours exercise.

—All persons claiming exemption from jury duty are notified to send their names to J. C. Provost, registrar of the Supreme Court.

—Two thousand five hundred cases of River's Inlet salmon left on Monday for London. It goes by the Northern Pacific and is to be put through in 21 days.

—Two Chinamen were charged in the police court this morning with supplying liquor to Indians. One Chinaman was sentenced to imprisonment for four months.

—The improvement at Beacon Hill park will be appreciated by the public and was done by Mr. Wagg. Mr. Geo. Webb returned from England two months ago.

—Pat Laney, a C. P. R. section man at Craigallachie, was brought to the Kamloops Hospital on Thursday, he having had his arm broken that afternoon while on the section.

—Miss McLeod of Nicola distinguished herself by shooting a large deer which had been chased over the mountains by one Smith, and run into the corral on Belmont's place.

—A divorce was applied for at Seattle on Monday by James McCormick from his wife Annie McCormick, for deserting him. They were married at Halifax, Nova Scotia, last June.

—The bark Viola was cleared to-day for Liverpool; she carries 21,890 cases of Salmon and 500 barrels of fish oil. She was towed to Royal Roads this morning and will sail to-morrow.

—Messrs. A. Gregg & Son have presented two handsome calenders for 1889 to the Times editorial department. One is a handsome hunting scene and the other "the Emperor's Defenders."

—A shooting match has been arranged to take place on New Year's day between teams chosen from Westminster and Vancouver. The match will be shot on the Brownsvill range and will be for a purse of $200.

—The Royal City Planing Mills Company have almost completed arrangements for the construction of a fine large tug suitable for towing sea-going vessels. The tug will be one of the largest and strongest in British Columbia waters.

—The friends of Mr. L. L. Doane, formerly of the Bank of British Columbia, New Westminster, will be glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering from the affliction which endangered his eyesight. He will shortly return from Portland.

—The new Masonic temple at Kamloops was dedicated on Wednesday last, with all solemn impressiveness. The building is an imposing structure, situated on the corner of Victoria street and Third avenue in the new townsite. It is 52x34 feet, and two storys high.

—A fever patient managed to escape from the Nanaimo hospital on Sunday morning. In his delirum he went down town, and obtained some drink. While in this state he broke the glass in Lewis' tonsorial saloon. He was subsequently secured and taken back to the hospital.

—Diptheria has become alarmingly prevalent in the municipality of Maple Ridge, and Dr. Fagan has been employed by the municipality to remain permanently with the patients until the disease has run its course. Up to date there have been two deaths from the disease at Port Hammond and there are a large number of children now affected.

—Latest advices from the Jones & Wells camp at Donald are that they have over 200 tons of ore on the dump ready for hauling to the steamboat landing on the Columbia, distant 6 miles. They expect to haul ten tons a day all winter. Capt. Armstrong's boats will have down trip loads, as well up trip ones, as soon as navigation opens in the spring.

—The large collection taken in the Pandora Street Methodist Church in this city a few weeks ago to remove the church, was said to have been one of the best advertisements ever made by Victorians. The amount collected was largely quoted through the eastern papers and judging by to-day's dispatch from Brampton, Ont., it has not been without good effect on eastern congregations. There are several things on which we can give pointers to the *effete* east.

The Hotels.

Real good old fashioned Christmas dinners were served in the hotels yesterday. In some, the decorations were quite extensive, especially that at the Clarence Hotel. The dining room was artistically festooned with holly, berries and evergreens while suitable mottos adorned the walls.

Wood and Coal.

Coke and Bark for sale at current rates. Orders promptly filled if left at the Scotch Bakery, Douglas street, or J. Finlayson's Tea Store, corner of Government and Broughton Streets. J. C. Howe. t-al

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Stolen Goods.

Officer Pierce, of New Westminster, will leave to-morrow morning with a Chinaman charged with being in possession of a quantity of cloth stolen from Mr. Drysdale's store. The Chinaman attempted to dispose of the cloth at a Chinese pawn shop in this city and was arrested by Supt. Sheppard.

Funeral.

The mortal remains of the late John Cuthbert, whose death took place at Toronto on the 5th inst., arrived in this city on Monday night. The funeral took place this afternoon from the residence of Mr. W. H. Smith, Cook street. A large number of relatives and friends of the deceased followed the remains to their last resting place in Ross Bay Cemetery.

An Enjoyable Evening.

The committee of the A. O. F. dance, which is to take place on Friday next at the Assembly Hall, on Fort street, are sparing no pains to make the affair one of the most pleasant that has ever taken place in this city. They tender their friends a cordial invitation to be present on the occasion. Good music will be a feature of the evening.

Anthracite Coal.

The anthracite mines at Banff will commence work at once. Mr. J. L. Mudge, the agent, who has just returned from San Francisco states that fully two-thirds of the output will be shipped down the coast. The capital stock of the company owning the mine has been increased from $250,000 to $500,000, and it is intended to make the output 1000 tons per day.

Indian Whiskey Sellers.

In the police court this morning the magistrate spoke strongly on the question of selling liquor to Indians. He remarked that two or three houses in this city sell liquor to vagrant Chinamen and the proprietors should be arrested for being accessories. These houses are under police surveillance and should be refused a continuation of their licenses at the next sitting of the licensing court.

The Great Violinist.

In our opinion, says the Boston *Folio*, Mr. Heloe is one of the surpassing violinists of the age. His style is thoroughly artistic, his tone is melodious and full, and his intonation perfect. His expression is that which results from a deep understanding, and is full of feeling tenderness and purity. He executes with ease the most difficult passages from Ernest, Paganini and other composers, and in a manner which never fails to delight his hearers. We think that Mr. Heine is second to no violinist living. If Ole Bull be first he is not first alone.

Christmas at the Gaol.

The prisoners at the Provincial gaol on Topaze avenue were treated to an excellent dinner yesterday by Warden John. The *menu* included roast beef, plum pudding, fruits, candy, and what was undoubtedly a great pleasure to many—the pleasure of smoking a good cigar. Donations of cigars, fruits, nuts, raisins, candy, &c., were received from Lady Douglas, Dr. Helmcken, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. Roderick Finlayson and others. The unfortunate fellows who live under lock and key enjoyed the day as much as other people and had a ray of sun-light let into their lives which is never felt by them during the rest of the year.

Holiday Sights.

That the population of Victoria is constantly increasing is a fact known to everyone. Nothing denotes it better than the schools, and the increasing volume of business on the streets. On Saturday and Monday evenings Government street was crowded, and for the time being one might imagine himself on the great thoroughfare of San Francisco. The excellent displays made by our merchants are enough to draw anyone out for it is only once a year that this commercial splendor is seen in Victoria. Solomon in all his glory was not equal to the shop windows just now. They are a concentration of European culture and Oriental splendor. They display all the beauties of the rainbow and the riches of Dives.

Baseball on Christmas.

Quite a crowd gathered to witness a scratch game of baseball which was played yesterday afternoon on Beacon Hill by two teams consisting of a few of the Amities and a few others of the other clubs. It was early seen that the game was but a practice by the off-hand way in which the playing was done, the Amity part of course having it all their own way. At the conclusion of the game the score stood Gowen's team 15, and Jackson's 8.

The game was played by two teams captained by N. Gowen and F. Jackson. Following is the score:

GOWEN'S TEAM.	B	JACKSON'S TEAM.	B
Geo. Gowen	1	Jackson	0
T. Barnes	1	Gouge	1
N. Gowen	3	Deasy	2
G. Borthwick	2	Harman	1
T. Baker	0	Beckingham	0
F. Partridge	2	Naylor	1
J. Wrigleworth	2	Mallandaine	1
Gus Gowen	2	Duck	1
J. Smith	1	Widdowson	1
Total	15	Total	8

Don't give up, my poor, sick friend;
While there's life there's hope, 'tis said;
Sicker persons often mend,
Time to give up when you're dead.
Purer, richer blood you need;
Strength and tone your system give;
This advice be wise and heed—
Take the G. M. D. and live.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

IRVING MORALIZES

On the Means of Salvation—The Army's Work.

Next to money making and running for Parliament, the most "respectable" thing is attending after the safety of one's soul. I put it in this way because if my judgment of society is even approximately correct, a soul don't go for much unless there is a hundred thousand dollars behind it, or an M. P. before it. But this is not the worst phase of the matter. There are some churches which it is so respectable to belong to, you know. The Hon. Snoozer belong to such a church; if we join any we must that one. This is what I call localised piety. It is circumscribed to a certain denomination, and all denominations outside of that may go to the devil. I have no complaint to make against the individual who wishes to move in respectable society. I have an hankering that way myself; but is there supposed to be nice social distinctions within the pale of the great Redeemer's christianity. It is quite likely that Mr. Hogg, who is a christian butcher, carries the aroma of his vocation to church with him, which completely upsets the olfactory equanimity of the Vere de Veres, who sell dry goods. During the entire services the nasal organ of the Misses Vere de Vere are above the snow line. They recollect that the Lord chasteneth whom He loveth, but really this proximity to the Hogg family is too much of the good thing, and they take matters into their own hands by compelling pa to change churches. If they can't worship God without the smell of grease they will stay at home. But how is it going to be when these christian people reach heaven, and the sense of smell of the Misses Vere de Vere is still acute. Will the Lord, appreciating their offended noses segregate them from the tallowey Misses Hogg. Then again denominations have so little, apparently, in common with with each other; so little faith in each other's methods of salvation. The Presbyterian thanks heaven he is not a Methodist; the Methodist thanks his stars that he is not a Presbyterian, and so the incense of denominational prejudice ascends to heaven. The latest phase of religious cold shoulder is in the case of the Salvation Army. These people seem to be doing God's work regardless of denominational animadversion. As cold as a step mother's breath, about expresses the relation of established churches to this latter day religious *emeute*. If any of the churches are extending aid and comfort to the Salvationists, I don't know of it. The Salvationist is paddling his own canoe in the most pronounced acceptance of the term, and if he reaches heaven he will be under no obligations to anybody. It is true that among the Salvationists there is greater development of jaw bone than forehead, and that in many instances the eyes are too close together. These physiognomic characteristics, however, do not prohibit reformation, and in fact, considering the primordial types some of them represent, their reclamation from vagabondage has something pathetic about it. Oh, it is not that the Salvationists are uncouth, ungrammatical and drop their hs, say the Calvinists, that we object to. It is quite proper that these people should be saved, but the method, the method. This promiscuous mixing of the sexes; this contiguity to the great unwashed, the infernal din. What if the small boy does mock them as he did the prophet of old. Last Sunday night I heard these miscreants mock, and I was unchristian enough to wish that about fifty bears might be turned loose among them. I have my doubts myself of the efficacy of the methods employed by the Salvationists. I had rather that the drum be eliminated from the services, and that if they can't preach they make 'good singing a speciality. Still, if the beating of a drum will save a soul, if all this clatter and bang, and ungrammatical exhortation, will bring sinners to repentance, for heaven sake let them drum, and let the police preserve order. I am not very impressionable of spiritual matters, but I must say that I was rather impressed with the earnestness of the two women who conducted the army services. Poor things, and yet they were mocked by irreverent whelps who should have been turned over to the police, and sent up for ten days. Possibly I am fooled, but these girls (they appear scarcely more) are to all intents and purposes sincere. Behind them sat twenty men composing the choir, and not one of these possessed the intellectual capacity of these tabooed girls. My thoughts strayed from devotional matters to female suffrage, and, doubtless, was I not a married man I would concede the equality of the sex. Candidly, though, I felt humiliated, for there sat twenty blockheads of my own kind whose style of oratory was very "Chadbandish." All honor to these self-sacrificing women who are spending their best days exhorting sinners, to repentence and whether we be professed Christians or not, they are entitled to our moral support as well as they of our "short bits." IRVING.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

How it was Spent at Royal Hospital and Jail.

A Christmas dinner was given to the patients of the Royal Hospital yesterday and carried out with even greater satisfaction than on former occasions. As usual, several kind hearted gentlemen attended and assisted in carving, waiting on the patients and making them feel happy generally. Among those who were present and performed this labor of love were President Joshua Davies, Hon. Secretary J. S. Yates; Treasurer, W. M. Chudley; Directors, ex-Mayor Fell and D. M. Eberts, and Mayor Grant. Twenty-one patients sat down to dinner in the dining room while eleven were unable to do so. The dinner was of a *recherche* character and did honor to the liberality of the good citizens who had made it possible. Following was the

MENU.

Chicken Soup,
Boiled Salmon (whole),
Roasts—Turkey, Goose, Sucking Pig, Sirloin Beef,
Plum Pudding,
Mince Pie and Apple Pies,
Oranges, Apples, Figs, Nuts, Candies, Raisins,
Port, Sherry and Beer.

The dinner commenced at 12 o'clock and lasted for one and a quarter hours. Mayor Grant went round among the patients conversing with each of them and recognizing many faces which he had seen 25 years ago in Cariboo, Cassiar and other mining camps. It is needless to say, they were glad to see him and cheered him heartily afterwards when he addressed them. Before the dinner was ended Mayor Grant and Mr. Eberts having engagements elsewhere addressed a few words to the patients and withdrew. At the conclusion of the dinner the president and other members of the board made short addresses, expressing their pleasure at seeing so many able to attend the dinner. It was their desire that the fullest credit should be given to Steward Garland for the satisfactory manner in which he conducted the affairs of the hospital and for the patience and kindness he had shown to the unfortunates in his keeping. President Davies and ex-Mayor Fell, referring to former boards, spoke feelingly of a former active worker and president, the late Alex. McLean, Esq. The decorations exceeded those of any previous year. The only toast drank was one to the Queen. Following are the names of those who kindly donated articles to make Christmas dinner what it was: Young Bros., New England Bakery, Christmas plum pudding; H. L. Salmon, cigars and pipes; H. D. Helmcken, sucking pig; S. E. King, Christmas cake; W. Andeon, vegetables; Victoria Brewery, barrel of beer; Lieutenant-Governor Nelson, plum pudding, roast of beef, fruit and clothes; Francis Bourchier, sucking pig; Anderson Bros., box of apples; Rowbotham & Co., nuts and oranges; Van Volkenburgh Bros., one goose; James Phillips, vegetables; Henry Saunders, ham, nuts and oranges, wine; Redgrave & Ellis, candy and oranges; Nesbitt & Co., mixed cakes; Dr. Davie, tobacco; L Goodacre, roast of beef; Bavaria brewery, barrel of beer; Lewis Lewis, clothes; Hon. J. H. Turner, papers; M. W. Waitt & Co., cards and papers. It is to be hoped the New Year dinner will be as good. If it is there will be nothing to complain of.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

The Examinations at Shawnigan and Saanich Schools.

A very attentive and fairly large number of visitors assembled to hear the closing exercises of this school, of which Jas. A. Hoy is teacher. Messrs. Nightingale and Dougan, Jr., conducted the examination, which proved that progress is the continued watchword with all the pupils. Readings were well rendered and replies to questions in geography, grammar, history and physiology were satisfactory. At the close the children were treated to some happy remarks, when many handsome prizes were given, as follows: Third reader, rank 1st, Alice Barry; fourth reader, rank 1st, Ellen Handy; fifth reader, rank 1st, David Barry; 2nd reader, rank 1st, Sabina Chapman; rank 2nd, Walter Handy; rank 3rd, Florence Handy; rank 4th Amelia Gray. Writing—rank 1st, Alice Barry; rank 2nd, George Copley; rank 3rd, Amelia Greg. Arithmetic—Fourth class, rank 1st, Ellen Handy; rank 2nd, Thos. Hollings. Arithmetic—Fifth class, 1st, Albert Hollings; 2nd, David Barry. Hygiene—David Barry. Spelling—rank 1st, David Barry; 2nd, Wm. Chapman. Among the visitors were Mesdames Barry, Chapman, Greg, Burnham, Miss Chapman and Messrs. Hollings, Dougan, Sr., and Freeman.

WEST SAANICH SCHOOL.

The schoolroom was crowded last Friday with parents and friends to witness the closing exercises. The first part consisted of a brief review of the work of last term in arithmetic, reading, spelling, geography, grammar, Canadian and English history, by the teacher. The second part opened with a short address of welcome from the chairman Master Willie Gregory, who then proceeded to call the programme: Song and chorus, Mabel Thomson and Dora Butler; recitation, George Verdier; piano solo, Miss Grace Thomson; Recitation, Hugh B Thomson; song and chorus, Geof T Butler; recitation, Mary Graham; vocal solo, Miss Rosa Sluggett; recitation, Fred L Thomson; recitation, Dora Butler; duet, Mabel and Fred L Thomson; "Red Riding Hood," a operetta, with the following characters in costumes: Gladys Butler, Red Ridinghood; Grace Thomson; Red Riding Hood's mother; Hugh Butler, the wolf; Rosa Sluggett; Fairy Queen; and eight little girls prettily dressed as attendants.

Special prize list—Rose Sluggett, head of school; Susan Hagan, head of fourth class; May Butler, head of third class; Gladys Butler, head of second class; Dora Butler, head of first class; Grace Thomson, spelling and geography; Frank Greig, Geof Butler and Robt Thomson, writing. A vote of thanks having been tendered Mrs Butler and others for their valuable assistance, all dispersed seemingly well pleased.

BURGOYNE BAY.

The Burgoyne Bay school, of which James Dougan jr., is teacher, was examined on Friday, 21st inst., by Mr. Wilson, sen., trustees, and the teacher, and showed aptness in the several branches taught. Present, twenty pupils, of whom five were in the fifth class and seven were in the fourth class. At the close Trustee Horrel made some pleasing remarks, and Mr. Wilson wished the teacher, pupils and all present a happy holiday. The visitors, Messrs. Wilson, Horrel and Maxwell, trustees; Mrs Wilson, Mr Lee, Mr H Pollard, Mr J Horrel, Mrs Crait, Mr W L Pollard, Mrs Crait showed by their early attendance and close attention that they understood the value of education to their children. Reports show the average actual daily attendance for Dec. to be 18.2.

SPORTING NOTES.

The Duncan Excelsiors and Cowichan Rangers played their return match on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at Duncan's Station. The day being fine and the teams local, there was a large crowd witnessed the game, which ended rather unsatisfactory on account of a disputed try being given in favor of the Excelsiors. The game stood, one try and three touchdowns and a disputed try for the Excelsiors, and one try and four touchdowns for the Rangers. Hirsch made the try for the Excelsiors and Burns got the try for the Rangers. The following were the respective teams:

Excelsiors—Forwards, Lewis, Clarke, J. McCarthy, Bickmore, F. Price, Pettierew, Smith, A. Price, J. Bolton; half-backs, J. Hirsh, J. Maitland, captain; three-quarter backs, Barkeley, W. Weddle, Marsh; back, Morrison.

Rangers—Forwards, E H. Forrest, Rogers, Hooven, McKinnelly, Rogers, B. Ordano, J. Harvey, Rogers, D. Steward; half-backs, W. C Burns, captain, W. Forrest; three-quarter backs, R Manley, J. Blyth, J. Awthwaite; back, W. Manley.

Sir W. Morse acted as umpire for the Excelsiors and H. O. Welburn for the Rangers.

Marine Notes.

The ship Earl of Granville, from Moodyville, arrived at Melbourne on the 17th inst.

The ship Glory of the Seas, coal laden from Nanaimo, reported lost, arrived safely at San Francisco on Monday.

The W. J. Hotch, from Burrard Inlet, arrived at Sydney, N. S. W. on Dec. 24th.

Bark Hesper, from Burrard Inlet, arrived at Sydney, Australia, on the 24th inst.

Bolivian bark Bundaleer, from Departure Bay, arrived at San Francisco on Monday.

Steamer Southern Chief sailed from San Francisco for Nanaimo on Monday last.

The ship Joseph Spinney, bound from Tacoma for Queenstown, with a cargo of wheat, has put into San Francisco in distress. On the 7th inst., she experienced a heavy gale, which twisted off her rudder head.

The ship Enoch Talbot in tow of the tug Sea Lion, sailed from Nanaimo on Monday for San Francisco.

Ship Elector (in tow of tug Tacoma) arrived at Nanaimo on Monday from San Francisco.

Steamer Sintram, Capt. M. A. Woodside, arrived at Nanaimo on Monday from San Francisco for a cargo of coal.

Dog and Poultry Show.

The first show of the Dog & Poultry Association will open in the Skating Rink, Yates street, at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. A large number of canines and birds were placed in the rink this afternoon and every preparation has been made by the Society for a large number of visitors. The show will continue until Saturday night. The price of admission is fifty cents.

PERSONAL.

Items Telling of Movements of Well Known Persons.

Rev Father Van Nevel left for Cowichan this morning with numerous toys and other presents for the children at the Sisters's school. A large Christmas tree will be filled with good things for the little ones.

His Lordship Bishop Lemmons spent Christmas day at one of the R. C. missions on the west coast.

M J Conlin is ill at St. Joseph's Hospital.

John Partridge, of the Lansdowne House reached London, England, on Sunday, Dec. 16th.

The Earl of Listowel will leave for England on New Year's eve.

F. C. Elridge, of Tacoma, is at the Clarence.

Hon John Robson returned from the east on Monday.

H M Wright, of Seattle, spent Christmas day in this city and returned home this morning.

Samuel Gray, the pioneer stair builder, is improving rapidly.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

News of the World Condensed Into Pithy Paragraphs.

A dispatch from Zanzibar says: All reports from here purporting to give details of the meeting of Stanley and Emin are absolutely untrustworthy. Even the place of meeting is unknown.

James J. O'Kelly, member of parliament, was released from Sligo prison on Monday.

Mme. Bernhardt has declined an offer from the Sultan of 23,000 francs for a single performance in the palace.

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S. DUCK, Treasurer.
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